General Meeting «Digital Society Initiative» – Meeting minutes

Date/time: Wednesday, 28 October 2025, 12:15-13:00

Place: University of Zurich, Digital Society Initiative, SOC-010, Rämistrasse 69, 8001 Zurich

Presenter/host: Noah Bubenhofer, Member of the Board of Directors Digital Society Initiative (DSI)

Topic	Content
Introductory Formalities	Welcome and Introduction by Noah Bubenhofer (NB), Member of the Board of Directors of the DSI and presentation of the agenda for the General Meeting 2025. Introductory Formalities: ▪ Minutes of last year's meeting: no feedback, no question ▪ Unanimous acceptance of last year's minutes
10 Years DSI-Decade of Impact	The presentation (NB) traces the DSI's journey from its launch in 2016, marked by an event attended by Johann Schneider-Ammann, President of the Swiss Confederation, through its development over the following decade. In 2026, the DSI celebrates its tenth anniversary under the theme «Decade of Impact», with a communication series and an anniversary event on November 24, 2026 featuring distinguished guests. ▪ The «Decade of Impact» campaign (with animated videos) tells ten stories about what has emerged and what these impacts continue to make possible. Since September 14, 2026, exactly ten years after the DSI was founded, a new story has been published every week, leading up to the anniversary celebration. ▪ DSI Minds-LinkedIn Series: The DSI has featured all of its professors in a LinkedIn series. ▪ Anniversary Event November 24, 2026 (UZH Aula, Lichthof): Keynote Prof. Dr. Urs Gasser on Digitale Gesellschaft gestalten, Welcoming remarks from representatives of the federal government, the Canton of Zurich, and the university, Hosts: Kathrin Hönegger (SRF Einstein) & Abraham Bernstein (DSI Director). Participants were remined to register for the event.
DSI Update 2026	Presentation about the following topics (NB): ▪ DSI Board of Directors: Change of DSI Director of the MNF: Welcome to Jan Dirk Wegner, thanks to Titus Neupert ▪ Welcome to our new professors: Prof. Dr. Gemma Newlands, Prof. Dr. Eva Bittner, Prof. Dr. Ivo Sbalzarini ▪ DigitalTransfer: The DSI launched a new platform that unites video content from teaching and research and makes basic digital knowledge accessible to. ▪ Inter- and transdisciplinary Excellence Program: Thinking about digitalization at an academic level across disciplinary boundaries. Since its beginning, the program hosted 105 PhD students so far! ▪ DSI Strategy Labs overview 2021: A legal framework for Artificial Intelligence 2022: Artificial Intelligence in medicine – where to we want to go? 2023: AI in education, research and innovation 2024: Disinformation 2025: Quantum Computing

	2026: Impact of Interdisciplinary Research The new position paper examines which factors promote research and develops recommendations for the higher education sector. The position paper will be published officially in November as part of the anniversary series «Decade of Impact». ▪ Communication highlights 2026: ▪ Focus on the 10-year-celebrations & «Decade of Impact» communication ▪ Launch of Digital Transfer ▪ Start of the new Digital MasterClass for the Cantonal Parliament of Zurich ▪ New media workshop format with the journalism competence center MAZ ▪ Increase of the numbers of LinkedIn-followers (more than 7'600)
Voting	Election of new network members (since 22.10.2025 to 28.10.2026) (NB) ▪ Full members (108 new members): unanimous approval ▪ Associated members (132 new members): unanimous approval ▪ In total, the DSI network currently consists of 1431 members
Game	Markus Christen, DSI Managing Director, leads all participants through a closing interactive quiz. In teams of three everyone answered 15 questions about the DSI, not all of them entirely serious. The winning team, made up of Ziggy O'Reilly, Selina Scherrer, and Serhiy Kandul, is now well prepared for winter with UZH mugs and socks plus organic tea from the Engadine.
Feedback and Questions	▪ No questions were asked by the audience.

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